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HOME EDITION

# RUFEE KING KILLED VICTIMS LIME?

## 'MURDER KING' OF MAPLE HILL WAS TERROR OF TOWN

Whole Community Trembled at  
Mention of His Name.

Gossip Court Returns Fourteen  
Indictments Against Him.

NO ONE DARED OPPOSE HIM

Minor Offenses Committed by  
Him Were Unnoticed.

His Possession of Dead Men's  
Property Never Questioned.

FEELING IS RUNNING HIGH

Many Tremble at Thought of  
His Release on Bond.

Old Man Says His Coming  
Would Overwork Undertakers.

## MAPLE HILL'S GOSSIP COURT INDICTMENTS VS. RUFEE KING

Murder Reuben Gutshall.  
Murder John Woody.  
Murder unknown peddler.  
Criminal knowledge death William Babcock.  
Murder unknown Nebraska salesman.  
Knowledge as to disappearance James Duncan.  
Knowledge as to disappearance Indian lad.  
Murder Chinaman in Philippine Islands.  
Alleged admission killing five Filipinos.  
Guilty knowledge or complicity bank robbery.  
Petty and grand larceny.  
Cruelty to dumb animals.  
Violation prohibitory law.  
Gambling.

BY A. L. SHULTZ.  
For twelve years Rufee King—held in the Shawnee county jail charged with murder—reigned supreme and made his word and bluff the common law of a community which included portions of Wabunsee, Pottawatomie, Riley and Shawnee counties. For years King held undisputed power



Outline of Skeleton Found Sunday As It Appeared When Uncovered.

over the people of Maple Hill. His right was unquestioned. Men feared him. Women shuddered at the mention of his name and children were taught to run for home when "Rufee" King started on a wild mission up the main street of the little town.

If common gossip were admissible evidence in a court of record, "Rufee" King's fate would be sealed. The most threadbare bit of gossip has grown from a shoestring to a tannery. Bones of three human bodies—supposed victims of King—have been unearthed on premises which he formerly occupied. The little town is certain King has a private burial ground and that bones of many more missing people are to be found. The dread and fear which has overcome the town is a reflection of the supremacy which King asserted during the time Maple Hill was his home. There is scarcely a home in the town where the doors and windows are not carefully barred at night, even the Rufee King is behind the bars in Topeka.

Whole Community Shudders.  
When a report reached Maple Hill (Continued on Page Two)

## ADmits SLAYING OFFICER

Man Says Marshal Tried To Hold Up Jefferson Hotel Card Game.

Kansas City, Aug. 18.—Charges of second degree murder were filed today against William F. Cain in connection with the killing in a room at the Jefferson hotel Saturday night of John Elliott, deputy county marshal. Cain is said by the police to have admitted shooting Elliott, saying the money would be paid by one of the government agencies later to be collected from the Carranza authorities. In this connection, it was recalled that recent reports had been received (Continued on Page Two)

## KING SLAYER OF WOODY, CORONER JURY DECISION!

Father of Slain Boy Will Swear  
to the Complaint.

All Ground on Liveryman's  
Place Will Be Plowed.

LIME PIT IS DISCOVERED

Believed To Be Last Evidence  
of Fourth Killing There.

Was It King's Method of Dis-  
posing of Victim?

WARRANTS FOR MURDER TODAY

Two Additional Crimes To Be  
Lodged Against King.

Wife of Accused Man Coming  
to Topeka?

Maple Hill, Kan., Aug. 18.—A corner's jury this afternoon found that the bones unearthed here Sunday were those of John Woody. The jury also held that Woody came to his death at the hands of Rufus King, former liveryman, now in jail in Topeka awaiting trial for the murder of Reuben Gutshall.



Rufee King's Barn at Maple Hill.

Maurice McNeill, assistant county attorney, today announced that the jury at Maple Hill this afternoon found that a second warrant charging King with murder had been issued. The second complaint involves the alleged killing of a peddler whose skeleton was believed to have been unearthed last week. Relatives of Woody are now on their way to Topeka, where a third murder complaint will be filed against King. Woody's father will swear to the third complaint.

All grounds surrounding King's former livery barn, as well as premises surrounding his two former homes in Maple Hill, will be plowed Friday. Further investigation and search for additional bodies will be suspended until after the preliminary hearing at Ekridge Thursday.

A special agent has been sent to Colorado to locate King's wife. One report is to the effect that King is now in the Shawnee county jail.

Mrs. King, formerly Miss Grace McKee, of Ekridge, is said to have written to her parents in the last few days. This letter disposed of a current rumor at Maple Hill to the effect that relatives of the woman had not heard from her for two years and that King was responsible for her disappearance.

Residents of Maple Hill desire above all things that King be held in jail. Much bitter criticism has been directed against a justice of the peace who lowered the man's bond from \$15,000, asked by the county attorney, to \$8,000.

When it was reported that King's relatives proposed to provide the \$8,000 bond, County Attorney Martin prepared a second complaint charging King with the murder of the peddler. Maple Hill citizens, however, declined invitations to swear to the complaint. Then the third skeleton was found, state and county officials are now expected to make certain the

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Only Few Yanks in France.

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## CITY GIVES IN TO LOCAL FIREMEN, AVERTING STRIKE

Commissioners Grant Wage  
Raise, 33 Per Cent.

Men Would Have Walked Out  
This Evening.

VACATION TIME IS EXTENDED

Men Will Get 14 Days With  
Pay Instead of 10.

Forty Per Cent Increase Was  
Men's Original Demand.

By a majority of 15 votes out of 24 votes cast Topeka firemen this morning voted to accept the offer of the city commissioners, extended to the committee this morning by Mayor Corwin, to grant firemen a raise of 33 per cent and to extend the vacation period from ten days to fourteen days on full pay.

This will increase the salary of a first class man to \$120 per month. They demanded an increase of 40 per cent last Saturday. This would have meant \$126 per month to a first class man.

Many were not voted to accept this proposition every member of the Topeka fire department would have walked out at 7 o'clock this evening and started out after the firemen. It is a strong indication of how near the city of Topeka came to losing its fire department.

In addressing the men before the vote was taken, F. W. Baer, vice president of the International Association of Firefighters, said that if they accepted the raise it would place them in a much better position than they were in many other cities. The firemen in Kansas City are receiving only \$110.

It is true, however, that the men in Kansas City are getting a raise at some date very soon. Baer sketched all sides of the question. He told the men just what they were going to get if they accepted the raise to what they had set out for in the first place. On the other hand he pictured the difficulties of a strike and the possibility of a 40 per cent increase, as they undoubtedly would if they put the strike into effect. They would not get a great deal better off than if they should go ahead and accept the offer the city commissioners made to them.

Mayor Corwin promised them the 33 per cent. The mayor also intimated, but did not make any promise, that if at a later date it became apparent that the city could pay the 40 per cent increase, he would do what he could to see that they got it.

Voted in Shifts.

The strike vote was taken in two shifts in the labor hall at different times. The first shift numbered thirty-six men. Twenty-one men voted against the strike and fifteen men voted in favor of accepting it. In the second shift there were thirty-three men. Twenty-one voted yes and twelve voted no.

A report seemed to gain some credence in town that the firemen were only fooling. They were in earnest about the question. They did not get just what they wanted after but it was so close to what they asked that the more conservative element predominated. They put to a question of accepting the offer of 33 per cent or going out on a long strike full of danger to the city, arbitration and general loss of time and discomfort. They took the final offer of the commissioners and will stay on the job.

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Washington, Aug. 18.—The senate judiciary committee today ordered favorably reported to the senate the nomination of A. Mitchell Palmer as attorney general.

## New York's Millions Walk to Work Today Thru Pouring Rain

New York, Aug. 18.—Roller skates and limousines, motor vans and horse-drawn "buggies," young lads and older ones, unused to pedestrianism—all were requisitioned today to transport New York's two million workers to their posts of duty. And on all alike heeled to a steady, soaking rain. At daylight the bedraggled thousands who depend on the strikebound elevated and subway lines began their descent on the business districts. By 7 o'clock the Brooklyn subway, the only operating underground traffic artery on Manhattan, were blocked by pushing mobs that were kept in restraint by police.

The New York Central railroad operated twenty-six extra trains of ten cars each between Hudson and Harlem river points to the Grand Central station. The sixty thousand extra passengers carried on these trains in addition to the regular traffic caused an unprecedented congestion at the great terminal.

Ferries Into Use Again.  
Fleets of ferries and other craft pressed hurriedly into the service plied the north and east rivers carrying passengers between the upper and lower ends of Manhattan island for the first time in many years.

More than six thousand policemen guarded the company's property and endeavored to control the tide of humanity sweeping thru the streets. Notwithstanding the confusion, there was but little disorder and the crowds were good natured.

An effort to reach an agreement between the Interborough officials and the strike leaders will be made this afternoon at a conference with Public Service Commissioner Nixon who expressed the hope that a compromise might be effected, basing his hope on a statement attributed to President Connolly of the Brotherhood that, although the men had made demands for an increase of fifty per cent, the strike would not have been called if the increase had been twenty per cent. In the unsuccessful negotiations last week a ten per cent increase was offered.

## REDS FLEE ODESSA TOPEKANS HIT IT

Populace of That City Drive  
Out Bolsheviks.

Soviet Forces Also Quitting  
Kiev and Entire Ukraine.

London, Aug. 18.—The Bolsheviks have been driven from Odessa by the populace of the city, according to reports received by the British war office. It is reported also that the soviet forces are evacuating Kiev and the entire Ukraine.

## DECLARE THEM OUTLAWS

Soviet Government Orders Arrest of  
Kolchak and His Cabinet.

London, Aug. 18.—A decree declaring Admiral Kolchak and the all-Russian cabinet at Omak to be outlaws has been issued by the soviet government, according to a wireless message from Moscow. The decree commands the forces of his government in Siberia are declared to be subject to immediate arrest.

## NO WORD OF STRIKE BLAST KILLS 3 BOYS

Threatened Walkout of Kansas Miners  
Today Hasn't Materialized.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 18.—The proposed strike of Kansas and Missouri coal miners, for which permission was secured from national officers of the miners' union, had not materialized. No reports of a strike had been received here by H. N. Taylor, president of the National Coal association and vice president of the Central Coal & Coke company.

## "CHICK" EVANS, GOLF CHAMPION, JOINS STATE JOURNAL STAFF



Golfers, shake hands with genial "Chick" Evans, national amateur champion, who will have a chance to talk with "Chick" often now, for he is going to write every other day in the State Journal about "the royal ancient custom and how to play it. And what is more "Chick" will answer all questions about golf which you want to ask him.

The nineteenth hole fans can put your debates up to the champion himself for decision and find your answer in this paper a few days later. "Chick" will make his bow to his State Journal readers, beginning tomorrow evening. He will appear every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in the "Evening Newspaper of Kansas." The State Journal will continue to conduct its local golf column each Saturday evening, also other golf features and photographs from news and feature services.

Be sure and watch for Evans, read what he says, and consult him on golf questions.

## MOVEMENT FOR A NATIONAL LABOR PARTY LAUNCHED

To Hold Convention in Chicago  
in November.

Labor and Nonpartisan Confer-  
ence Takes Action Today.

KANSAS IS REPRESENTED

J. O. Stevie and Horace Black,  
Topeka, Attend Conference.

"We'll Enter 1920 Campaign,"  
Says Illinois Labor Official.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Representatives of labor organizations and Nonpartisan leagues from a number of states in a conference held here today, decided to organize a national labor party. The first step will be to call a national convention to be held in Chicago in November to adopt a constitution and platform, it was announced.

Kansas Is Represented.  
Labor delegates from eight states and representatives of the Nonpartisan leagues of North Dakota, Minnesota and Kansas met here today to consider plans for the organization of a national labor party. The states represented were California, Kansas, Connecticut, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania.

The delegates came to Chicago for the conference in response to a move sent out by the Illinois state labor party. Frank J. Esper, secretary of the party, stated at the meeting today that he had received word from twenty other states not represented by delegates here today that their organizations would support the move to organize a national party combining the labor parties and Nonpartisan leagues of all the states.

"We expect to call a national convention this fall and enter the 1920 campaign," said Mr. Esper.

Among the representatives present at the conference were: Max Hayes, Cleveland; Carl Beck, New York; O. E. Dorman, St. Paul, Minn.; Timothy M. Crowley, Connecticut; J. O. Stevie, of Kansas; Horace G. Black, Topeka, Kan.; and Charles R. Muzum, Kansas City. Officials of the Chicago Federation of Labor, the local central body, have been active leaders in the labor party movement. Cook county organized labor and were chiefly instrumental in organizing a state party. John Fitzpatrick, president of the local federation, was the nominee for mayor last spring.

So far there had been little or no mention as candidates for presidential choice, but the bulk of the advocates of a national party committee are from the middle west.

Local labor leaders said today that J. O. Stevie, of Topeka, is in Chicago representing the Topeka Industrial council. Horace Black, who is also there, was formerly the representative of the Christian Endeavor in the Industrial council.

The meeting at Chicago, it was said, is for the purpose of talking over the proposition of a national labor party and making plans for the possible launching of a national political campaign next fall. No names of prospective delegates have yet been mentioned.

## STOCKTON GETS MAIL DELIVERY

Stockton, Kan., Aug. 18.—Postmaster J. Q. Adams has received notice from the postoffice department that delivery of mail to the residences would be instituted October 1. The city council has arranged to number the houses this week. Three deliveries of mail a day is promised.

Department of justice officials who expect to seize \$10,000,000 worth of hoarded food this week are also watching the sale with interest. Attorney General Palmer is considering disposing of the seized food through the postoffice once it is condemned thru court action.

Preparations for the sale of the army food are complete. Postmasters have price lists which they will make public in every possible way along with complete directions as to how the food is to be sold.

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Jugo-Slavia and the Ukraine.

## U. S. BREAK WITH MEXICO IMMINENT

LEAVES WITH RANSOM

Marfa, Tex., Aug. 18.—F. M. Fennell, vice president of the Marfa National bank, left here this morning with \$15,000 to be delivered to Dawkins Kilpatrick, storekeeper at Candelaria, Tex., as ransom for Lieut. Harold G. Peterson and Paul H. Davis, American aviators held by Mexican bandits. Mr. Fennell was accompanied by a guard of soldiers from Camp Marfa under command of Maj. C. C. Smith, of the 8th cavalry.

The money was subscribed in five minutes by ranchmen and other citizens of Marfa, Fort Davis and vicinity, at Bloys camp meeting when word of the demand made by the bandits was received there.

## IT STILL STAYS DRY

Kansas Holds High and Low Temper-  
ature Records of Last 24 Hours.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR KANSAS—Fair tonight and Tuesday and probably Wednesday. Warmer north portion tonight and northeast portion Tuesday.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.  
7 o'clock.....60 11 o'clock.....79  
9 o'clock.....65 12 o'clock.....81  
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2 o'clock.....74 3 o'clock.....85

Still the skies over Kansas remain bone dry. There is absolutely nothing upon which to base a forecast for rain during the next twenty-four hours. Meteorologist Flora says, and unless the unexpected happens the corn and the pastures and the creek bottoms will continue to blister and burn.

Altho Kansas cannot boast rain, this (Continued on Page Two)

## HOLD A DOCTOR!

Another American Citizens Ab-  
ducted by Mexi Bandits.

Porto Rican Held for Ransom—  
Carranza Promises Aid.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The state department today received news of the abduction by bandits of a Porto Rican doctor near Mexico City, July 25. He was held for ransom by bandits to be paid before August 15. Carranza's government promised to send troops immediately and to pay the ransom if it was necessary to have the doctor's life.

The state department learned of the case by mail from American agents in Mexico City and has not been advised of the outcome.

Porto Rican is an American citizen.

## HARD SLAP AT HOG

Postoffice Food Sale Starting  
Today Will Hit Profiteer.

Palmer Plans To Dispose of  
Seized Supplies Same Way.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Sale of millions of dollars worth of army food began at more than \$0.090 per postoffice throughout the country today. The big marketing job which will be conducted thru the parcel post will end August 20, by which time officials hope practically all the food will be disposed of. If the sale proves as successful as officials here believe it will, other army surplus, including blankets and clothing, will be disposed of in the same way.

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(By The Associated Press.)  
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Tuesday.

THREE CENTS

## DEMAND RELEASE OF U. S. FLYERS HELD BY BANDITS

Serious Results Would Follow If  
Aviators Harmed.

Are Being Held by Bandits for  
\$15,000 Ransom.

WILL SEND THE MONEY TODAY

Making Every Effort To Save  
Two Officers.

Lieuts. Davis and Peterson Had  
Been Missing Eight Days.

CAPTORS THREATEN DEATH!

Will Kill Prisoners Unless Ran-  
som Paid Today.

Scene of Outrage One of Wild-  
est Regions on Border.

BULLETIN.  
Oakland, Cal., Aug. 18.—Lieut. Earl  
Davis, brother of Lieut. Paul Davis,  
held for ransom by Mexican bandits,  
will fly into Mexico in an attempt to  
free his brother, fighting with a ma-  
chine gun if necessary, he announced  
today.

Dr. Walden B. Davis, their father,  
has an airplane in waiting at Strath-  
more, Cal.  
Earl left for Strathmore today.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The  
American embassy at Mexico  
City was instructed today by the  
state department to immediately  
call upon the Mexican govern-  
ment for quick action to effect  
the release of Lieuts. Paul P.  
Davis and Harold G. Peterson,  
American army aviators, who  
were captured by Mexican  
bandits near Candelaria, Texas,  
while patrolling the border, and  
who are threatened with death  
unless \$15,000 ransom is paid  
today.

A Serious Affair.

The state department's announce-  
ment said the instructions  
pointed out the seriousness  
with which the United States  
government views this situation,  
and called for immediate ade-  
quate action. The American  
consul at Juarez also was in-  
structed to take all possible  
steps with the Mexican authori-  
ties there to secure release and  
protection of the officers.

State department officials said the  
ransom demanded would be paid as  
soon as information could be had as  
to where and to whom the money was  
to be delivered. It has not been de-  
cided whether the United States would  
furnish the sum and charge it against  
the Carranza government or call upon  
the Mexican government to pay it di-  
rect.

Breaks International Law.

Official reports from Major Gen-  
eral Dickman, commander of the  
southern department, concerning the  
detention of the aviators were re-  
ceived today at the war department,  
but Secretary Baker refused to make  
them public, saying the state depart-  
ment had entire supervision over the  
matter.

The capture and detention of the  
army flyers is considered by officials  
here to be essentially different from  
other cases of American citizens who  
have been held for ransom. Members  
of the military forces of a country,  
especially when in uniform, are direct  
representatives of their government,  
it was said, and any injury or affront  
to them is regarded as a breach of in-  
ternational law.

Relations More Acute.

Comlink close on the heels of the  
state department's virtual ultimatum  
to the Carranza government that un-  
less steps were taken to stop murder  
of American citizens, the demands  
of their rights, a radical change in  
the attitude of this government toward  
Mexico would be required. It is the  
two American army aviators were  
being held by Mexican bandits for  
ransom with death as the alternative,  
causing the already strained relation-  
ships between the countries to be re-  
garded here today as having reached a stage  
bordering on the acute. Official  
Washington as well as the demands  
of the flyers, generally were recognized.

There was no statement early to-  
day of what steps had been taken or  
were to be taken by the state or  
war departments. However, it was  
regarded as imperative that some ac-  
tion be taken at once as the demands  
of the bandits required that the ran-  
som be paid today. There was con-  
siderable speculation as to whether  
the money would be paid by one of  
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